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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Application No. 60-111658 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,922,103 submitted herewith.

Japanese Patent Application No. 60-236354 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,816,679 submitted herewith.

English Language Abstract 01-101540 is submitted herewith as a concise statement of relevance of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 1-101540.

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-372978 corresponds to European Patent Publication No. 1 113 292 A2 submitted herewith.

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